

Photography Club
Board of Directors Meeting
January 12, 2026

President Julia Parrish called the meeting or order at 10:00AM.

Present: Keri Ricci, Rick VanDette, Stan Holz, Everett Denning, Cindy Fiano, Ellen Scott

Members-at-Large- We need 2 new Members-at-Large for 2026. Julia asked for names of members to consider; names submitted are Shashi Cooduvalli, Gerry Fagan, Greg Cunningham, and Diane Brayden. She will contact Shashi and Gerry first.

Membership update – Julia advised that as of today 123 members will be purged on January 15th. There will be approximately 426 members after the purge.

Studio –

Door Code- It was decided to leave the door code as is for this year and change it next year. We should check the monitor list mid-year to make sure that all those with codes are purged if they have not met the requirements of the position. Julia will discuss with Ward.

Material fees- The prices have been changed but no one has updated the list in the studio. Everett has a copy of the new prices. He will send it to the board so the list can be updated.

TV/Monitor- Stan advised that according to Rich the old TV and 2 printers are for sale now that the new TV/Monitor is installed. The printers are still on the counter, and the TV is on two of the tables. The TV must be out by 1/26 as that is when classes start.

There was a question regarding the large printer's age. The printer has had work done so it is in working condition. Discussion followed regarding allowing members to be able to use one of the printers via WiFi. This way they would not be tying up people printing for competitions. This has been discussed in the past and not gone over very well. There is a fear of someone changing settings so the next user can't print.

This led to the discussion that the club needs to have some tech-oriented people as back-up. Those now have been doing this for a long time, and we need to think into the future.

Julia mentioned that we need an Operations Manual for the studio. This would include passwords and contact information among other things. Rick was assigned to this task.

SCHHCA Chartered Club Annual Meetings – The annual meetings are being held in January. The dates are 1/22, 1/27/and 1/28. The meetings on the 27th and 28th have breakout sessions. Julia checked with Lifestyles and the breakout sessions are not required. She and Ellen are attending the 1/22 session. She suggested that Rick should attend one of them also.

Treasurer's Report- Everett reported:

P&L 1/1/26 – 12/31/26

Income	\$ 23,708
Expense	\$ 22,590
Net	\$ 1,118

Bank Balance \$14,972

The reserve for equipment purchases comes out of the Bank Balance

Education – Cindy reported in Ward's absence, The past semester we had 16 instructors, 27 classes, with 39 sessions. The catalog for the winter session will go out today, 1/12. Classes will be 1/26 – 3/27. The link to register will go live at 2PM on 1/19.

Instructor's Social – This event was very beneficial, and a lot of networking came out of it. The committee plans on doing this again this year on April 26. She requested \$1000 again for this and it will be held at Jameson's. A motion was made to approve the \$1000, voted on and passed.

Laptop – Cindy mentioned that several instructors have mentioned having a laptop to be used in the classroom, and pre-loaded with Lightroom and Photoshop. This way the instructor can demonstrate how to do a specific thing instead of showing screen shots. They have also expressed travelling with their own laptop and risking damage to it. Discussion followed regarding that we did have one at one time, maintenance, and storage. Also mentioned was PC or Mac. Cindy couldn't answer several of these items. It was decided to bring up again at the next meeting when Ward is present.

Stan expressed changing the name of the Fundamentals class. Also separate out all cameras. Very difficult for an instructor to cover all the ins and out of each camera. He also suggested an introduction to night photography. Ward will be teaching a Smartphone Fundamentals class. They have also discussed using pop-up classes to get new instructors. Also using "canned" classes. Some discussion followed and this will be investigated.

ISLC Charge – There will be a charge for this list beginning in 2027 of \$100 per year.

New Business

Competition System (Jot Form)- This form would be able to be used by all cameras, phones, and computers. It would do the formatting and result in fewer errors. It is \$15 per month and share to Yogile.

Zoom – This was originally used during Covid and has morphed into today. Many people are interested in having a hybrid form where the meeting can be in-person and via Zoom. Ellen mentioned that she belongs to an organization that uses this method. It

involves a lot of extra equipment. They also have a tech person that cares for all the equipment necessary to do this. More discussion is necessary on this.

Calendar Email – The current email being used is tied to an old member's account. She would like to have her information removed so she stops receiving emails. The account needs to be tied to a person's account. This will be investigated.

2026 Events – This includes Earth Day, Discover the Low Country, and Creative Vision. We need to pull in volunteers to cover these events. Creative Vision has some good committees already in place, but other events need to be investigated.

There being no further business, Everett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Keri. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Scott

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Secretary